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APRIL 6, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. KERR, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 4901.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4901) to pension Richard Wilcoxon, submit the following report:

The committee, after careful examination of the bill, find the facts to be substantially as follows:

The soldier was a private in Company G, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, and was honorably discharged from the service.

He filed his claim for pension, under the act of 1890, on August 12, 1890, alleging partial disability to do manual labor from rheumatism, disease of the heart, spine, and kidneys. The claim was rejected on the ground "that no disability was found sufficient to give title to pension under said act."

From this decision an appeal was taken, with the contention that the medical board had not reported all his disabilities. This board reported "no rating." The rejection was affirmed.

He then applied for pension under the old law, which claim is still pending, and on the 20th of April, 1892, he was examined by a medical board and it reported that he had the following disabilities and was entitled to the following rating, viz: For neuralgia, six-eighteenths; for rheumatism, four-eighteenths, and for disease of heart, six-eighteenths. Under former rulings of the Pension Bureau this would entitle soldier to \$12 per month under the law of 1890.

The committee are of the opinion that the soldier should have \$12 per month in analogy to rating under said law of 1890, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments, viz:

Strike out of title "for services in the late war."

Strike out of lines 6, 7, and 8 the following: "For meritorious services, for severe disabilities received, and disease contracted by him while in the United States service during the late war."

Strike out of lines 10 and 11 the following: "Commencing on the twelfth day of August, eighteen hundred and ninety."